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1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFTEL INSTRUCTIONS, I SUGGESTED TO PRIME MINISTER SOUVANNA PHOUMA TODAY THAT HE MAKE OR HAVE MADE A PUBLIC STATEMENT WITH REGARD TO THE CANADIAN ADJOURNMENT PROPOSAL AND THAT HE PROPOSE THAT CANADA CONTINUE TO SERVE ON THE ICC FOR A PERIOD OF ABOUT SIX MONTHS. THE PRIME MINISTER LISTENED POLITELY
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BUT REJECTED THIS SUGGESTION AT ONCE. HE SAID HE FOUND IT VERY

HARD TO UNDERSTAND CANADA'S ATTITUDE AND THAT THE CANADIAN POSITION AMOUNTED TO BLACKMAIL (CHANTAGE). NOT ONLY WERE THE CANADIANS BEING UNREASONABLE WITH REGARD TO THEIR ROLE IN THE ICC, BUT THEY WERE ALSO MAKING UNACCEPTABLE DEMANDS WITH REGARD TO CANADIAN PARTICIPATION IN NAM NGUM PHASE II. CANADIAN INSISTENCE ON HAVING THE SUPERVISORY ENGINEER BE CANADIAN WAS A REQUIREMENT WHICH CONTRASTED MARKEDLY WITH THE MORE FLEXIBLE AND HELPFUL ATTITUDE OF THE OTHER PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES. I POINTED OUT TO THE PRIME MINISTER THAT NOTWITHSTANDING THE FOREGOING, IT MAY BE DIFFICULT TO FIND AN ACCEPTABLE SUBSTITUTE FOR CANADA. THE PM SHRUGGED THIS OFF WITH THE COMMENT THAT IN HIS VIEW AUSTRALIA WAS EMINENTLY QUALIFIED.

2. ALTHOUGH THE PRIME MINISTER CLOSED BY SAYING THAT HE WOULD REFLECT ON THE DEPARTMENT'S SUGGESTION, I DOUBT VERY MUCH THAT IN HIS PRESENT MOOD HE WILL TAKE STEPS TO OBTAIN AN EXTENSION OF CANADA'S PARTICIPATION IN THE ICC.

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